

June 2023



EVENTS *at the* CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Featured Events

Ilyon Woo Presents *Master Slave Husband Wife: An Epic Journey from Slavery to Freedom* in Conversation with Myisha Eatmon

Wednesday, June 21, 6-7:30 p.m. (Main Library)

Join the *New York Times* best-selling author Ilyon Woo for a discussion of her new book *Master Slave Husband Wife*. In 1848, a year of international democratic revolt, a young, enslaved couple, Ellen and William Craft, achieved one of the boldest feats of self-emancipation in American history. Posing as master and slave, while sustained by their love as husband and wife, they made their escape together across more than 1,000 miles, riding out in the open on steamboats, carriages, and trains that took them from bondage in Georgia to the free states of the North. Myisha Eatmon is an Assistant Professor of African and African American Studies and of History at Harvard University. **Registration is required.**



Gary Victor: Haitian Literature, Engagement and Citizenship in conversation with Patrick Sylvain

Sunday, June 19, 2-4 p.m. (Main Library, Lecture Hall)



This event will introduce the larger Haitian community of Cambridge and Somerville to the well-known Haitian writer, Gary Victor, who will discuss the role of literature and citizenship

in Haiti's current political turmoil. Victor was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti and is considered a national treasure as a contemporary writer for radio, film and television. Patrick Sylvain is a Haitian American poet, writer, social and literary critic, and photographer who has published widely on Haiti and Haitian diaspora culture, politics, language, and religion. Sylvain is the author of several poetry books in English and Haitian, and his poems have been nominated for the prestigious Pushcart Prize.



Cambridge Public Library Youth Poetry Award Thursday, June 1, 6-8:00 p.m. (Main Library, Lecture Hall)

Join the Cambridge Public Library to celebrate the 59 winners of the 24th Annual Poetry Contest. Poets from Kindergarten to Eighth Grade will read their winning poems and receive their prizes, generously funded by the Friends of the Cambridge Public Library.

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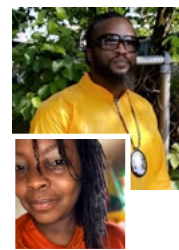
Celebrating Juneteenth through the Arts Tuesday, June 20, 6-8 p.m. (Main Library, Lecture Hall)



Join us for an exciting commemoration of Juneteenth with music, theater, and poetry! Featuring actress Alexandria Danielle King; historian and artist David Barkley, aka Ebony



Three Arrows; singers and songwriters Alana Womack and Pellaiah Auset; poet and performer Denise Washington; African Master drummer Nko Fallou Fall; and cellist Joshua



Leak. This program is sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

Registration is required.

The City of Cambridge does not discriminate on the basis of disability. The Cambridge Public Library will provide auxiliary aids and services, written materials in alternative formats, and reasonable modifications in policies and procedures to persons with disabilities upon request.

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SERVICE UPDATE

All Library locations will be closed on Friday, June 16 for Staff Development Day and Monday, June 19 for Juneteenth.

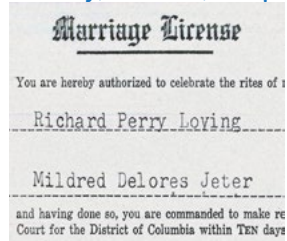
VIRTUAL Virtual event.

IN-PERSON In-person event.

HYBRID In-person event with option to attend virtually.

Loving Day 2023

Sunday, June 11, 2-4 p.m. (Main Library, Joan Lorentz Park)



Join us for our annual commemoration of the Supreme Court decision making interracial marriages legal in all states. The program will include games, music, food and lots of entertainment

for children and families. Sponsored by the City of Cambridge Citizens' Committee on Civic Unity, Mayor's Office, City Manager's Office, and Cambridge Public Library.

Performances

Park Sounds: Jazz in Conversation with Poetry featuring the Joel LaRue Smith Trio with Poet, Patrick Sylvain

Saturday, June 24, 1-3 p.m. (Joan Lorentz Park)



Moving seamlessly between the constellations of jazz styles and the rich and varied literature of the classical masters, Joel LaRue Smith is one of those rare and gifted pianists who have never had to choose between these two musical worlds,

because for him they are not separate. Join the Joel LaRue Smith Quartet at Joan Lorentz Park accompanied by poet, Patrick Sylvain. Professor Sylvain is a Haitian American poet, writer, social and literary critic, and photographer. who has published widely on Haiti and Haitian diaspora culture, politics, language, and religion. He is the author of several poetry books in English and Haitian, and his poems have been nominated for the prestigious Pushcart Prize. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cambridge Public Library.

Cambridge Youth Gamelan Orchestra

Saturday, June 17, 3-4:30 p.m. (Lecture Hall)

Join the Cambridge Youth Gamelan as we celebrate the end of our 5th anniversary season! In this performance, you will hear traditional Balinese music performed on the gamelan *gong kebyar*, one of the most popular ensembles in Bali. You will learn how the music is arranged in complex rhythmic and melodic layers and how the musicians learn to play. At the end of the performance, audience members will be invited onto the stage to try out the instruments and learn a short piece of music together. Cosponsored by Cambridge Public Library.

Workshops

Main Library

Creative Aging: Storytelling: Planting Seeds, Growing Community

Tuesdays in June, 2-4 p.m. (Community Room)



Join us for this 8-week workshop where we will use storytelling, photographs, objects arts, and games to grow our stories to create community. Due to the popularity and to gain the most out of this program, we expect all participants to commit to all sessions in this 8-week course. *Sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation. This Workshop is full.*

Born in Cambridge: Open Archives 2023

Tuesday, June 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Cambridge Room)



Visit the Cambridge Public Library's Archives and Special Collections during this year's Open Archives. On view is Symbolism and Subversion: An Exhibition of Jennifer Regan's Stitched Narratives. Regan renegotiates traditional quilt making themes through a feminist lens and finds the city of Cambridge as her

inspiration. Examine the stitched narratives up close and explore Regan's personal papers, journals, and sketchbooks to discover the artistic process behind the 100 pieces she created while living in Cambridge. **Registration is required.**

Wellness for Seniors: Tai Chi Paradigm - Level 2

Wednesdays in June (beginning June 7), 10-11 a.m.

Join us in this 12-week Tai Chi Paradigm - Level 2 practice, which focuses on the mind-body connection. Tai Chi is a fluid sequence of movements choreographed in a low-impact routine. Participants must have completed Tai Chi Paradigm - Level 1. Sifu Mynor Diaz has been learning and teaching Tai Chi classes for over 20 years. He has taught at five VA Boston Healthcare System locations and at senior centers. This event is held in person. Due to the popularity of this series, we expect participants to attend all the classes.

This workshop is full.

Navigating Solo: Planning Tools for Aging Well VIRTUAL

June 13 and June 27, from 6:30-7:45 p.m.



Join us for this 5-session workshop series exploring the needs of solo agers (adults who, because of choice or circumstance, are without the family

support structure of adult children or close family members). Ailene Gerhardt, Board Certified Patient Advocate, will explore the unique considerations and planning needs of solo agers related to healthcare and community and discuss the programs and resources available to support solo agers.

June 13: Assessing and Enhancing Your Support System.

June 27: Bringing It All Together & Developing an Organized Solo Aging Plan.

Presented as part of the Cambridge Public Library's Active Older Adults Lecture and Workshop Series in partnership with Cambridge Neighbors. Sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

Registration is required for each session.

Get Creative! Series: Acrylic Painting Workshop

Wednesday, June 14, 2-4 p.m., and Wednesday, June 21, 2-3:30p.m. (Community Room)

Learn how to create beautiful and colorful acrylic paintings in this workshop by Brooke Lambert, a professional printmaker and painter with a passionate interest and dedication to the arts! In this class you will be introduced to painting with acrylic, including techniques in color mixing, observational painting, and composition. At your own pace you will learn how to paint still lifes using acrylic paint in a relaxed and welcoming environment. This class will cover wet on wet and wet and dry brush techniques, sgraffito/combing, overlays/glazing, gel mediums, pattern making and masking. You will come away from this class with beautiful paintings of your own and a greater understanding and appreciation for the medium of acrylic painting. **Registration is required.**

Yoga Nidra

Thursday, June 15, 6:30-8 p.m. (Community Room)

Join us for Yoga Nidra. Deep Relaxation for Stress Relief. Suitable for all levels, no yoga or meditation experience required. Please bring a yoga mat, wear comfortable clothes and bring any props that will make you comfortable while lying on the floor – blanket, bolster, eye pillow, etc. **Registration required.**

Get Creative! Series: Embroidery Workshop

Wednesday, June 21, 2-3:30 p.m., and Wednesday, June 21, 2-3:30p.m. (Rossi Room)

It's the first day of summer. Come and embroider with us! All skill levels are welcome. Materials will be provided, and you are welcome to bring your own. **Registration is required.**

Wellness for Seniors: Introduction to Tai Chi Paradigm

Fridays, 10-11 a.m. (Community Room)



Join us in this 12-week *Introduction to Tai Chi Paradigm* practice, which focuses on the mind and body connection. Tai Chi is a fluid sequence of movements choreographed in a low impact routine. No

previous experience necessary. Sifu Mynor Diaz has been learning and teaching Tai Chi classes for over 20 years. He has taught classes at five VA Boston Healthcare System locations and at Senior Centers. Due to the popularity of this series, we expect participants to attend all the classes. **This is an in-person event. This workshop is full. There will be no class on Friday, June 16.** Sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

Death Café VIRTUAL

Tuesday, June 27, 7-8:30 p.m.



Join other adults, 18 and older, for Cambridge's virtual Death Cafe - an evening of open,

lively, and insightful discussion about death. While not a support group nor a venue for bereavement, a Death Cafe seeks to provide an unscripted, non-judgmental platform for those wishing to explore the many facets of this often-taboo subject. Facilitated by Richard Davis a long time Death Cafe organizer and hospice volunteer. Come with an open mind, a healthy curiosity, and a willingness to share your thoughts, feelings, and questions with other like-minded individuals.

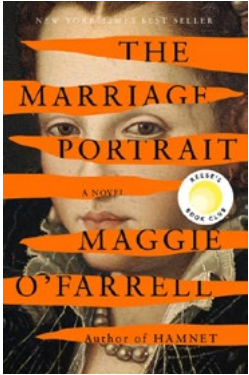


Book Groups



Adult Book Groups

Boudreau Branch



Boudreau Branch Book Group
HYBRID

Wednesday, June 14, 12-1 p.m.
June selection: *The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell

Boudreau Branch Mystery Book Group
HYBRID

Tuesday, June 27, 12-1 p.m. June selection: *Whose Body?* by Dorothy Sayers.

Collins Branch

Cookbook Book Group **IN-PERSON**

Thursday, June 15, 6-7 p.m. June Selection: *The Book on Pie* by Erin McDowell.



O'Neill Branch



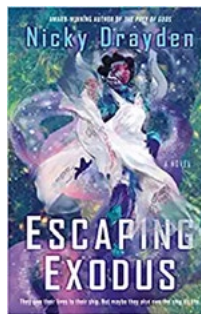
O'Neill Branch Book Group
Monday, June 12, 6:30-8 p.m. June selection: *Fairest* by Meredith Talusan

Main Library

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Group
HYBRID

Wednesday, June

14, 6-7 p.m. June selection: *Escaping Exodus* by Nicky Drayden



Contemporary Book Group **HYBRID**

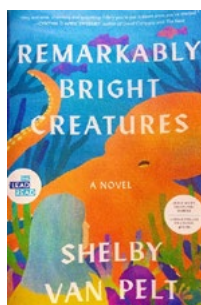
Tuesday, June 20, 6-7 p.m. June selection: *The Wrong End of the Telescope* by Rabih Alameddine

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O'Connell Branch Adult Book Group

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, June 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m. June selection: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby van Pelt



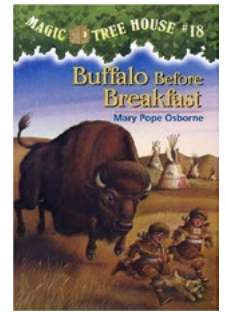
Children's Book Groups

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Magic Tree House Book Group

HYBRID Friday, June 2, 4-4:30 p.m.

June selection: *Buffalo Before Breakfast* by Mary Pope Osborne (Ages 5-10.)



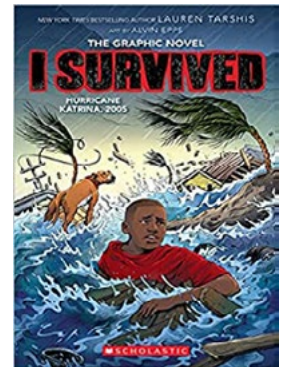
Kids' Classic Fantasy Book Group **HYBRID**

Friday, June 9, 5-5:40 p.m. June selection: *The BFG* by Roald Dahl. (Ages 5-11)



Graphics Are Great! Book Group **HYBRID**

Tuesday, June 20, 4-5 p.m. June selection: *I Survived Hurricane Katrina* by Lauren Tarshis and Alvin Epps. Ages 8-12.

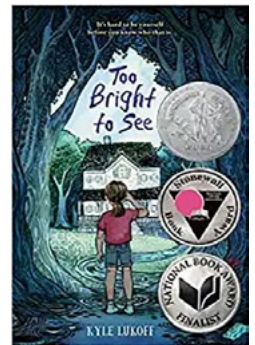


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Chapter Chat Monday, June 5, 4:30-5:30 p.m. June selection: *The Witch Boy* by Molly Ostertag. For ages 7-10.

Book Buzz Monday, June 12, 3:30-4:30 p.m. June selection: *Too Bright to See* by Kyle Lukoff. For ages 10+.



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Parent/Child Book Group

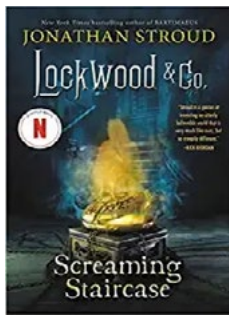
HYBRID

Tuesday, June 13, 6-7 p.m. (Curious George Room) June selection: *Frankie & Bug* by Gayle Forman. For ages 7-10

Parent/Child Book Group **HYBRID**

Wednesday, June 14, 6-7 p.m.
(Curious George Room)

June selection: *The Screaming Staircase* by Jonathan Stroud.
For ages 10-13.



Books Not Binaries

Reading Group

Wednesday, June 28, 6-7 p.m.
(Curious George Room)

June selection: *This is Our Rainbow: 16 stories of Her, Him, Them, and Us*, edited by Katherine Locke and Nicole Melleby.
For ages 10-13.

Cambridge Public Library

SUMMER READING ADVENTURE 2023



June 26 – August 25

The Cambridge Public Library invites people of all ages to adventure together this summer. Beginning June 26, visit any Library location to receive your Adventure Guide, full of activities and reading suggestions. Participate all summer for chances to win a gift card to a local independent bookstore. For more information, visit your neighborhood Library or camb.ma/summerreading.

Funding for Summer Reading has been generously provided by the City of Cambridge, Cambridge Public Library Foundation, East Cambridge Savings Bank, Friends of the Cambridge Public Library and Massachusetts Board of Library Commission.

Regular Programs for Children & Families

Boudreau

Songs and Stories **Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-10:50 a.m.**

Central Square

Story Time **Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 10:30-11 a.m.**

After School Stories & Crafts **Wednesday, June 7, 4-5 p.m.**

Twilight Stories and Songs **Thursdays, 5:30-6 p.m.**
(No Twilight Stories and Songs on June 1)

Collins

Story Times **Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m., and Wednesdays, 3:30-4 p.m.** (Special Family Concert event Wednesday, June 14)

Main Library

Baby Lapsit **Mondays, 10-10:20 a.m.** (Rey Room)

Morning Sing-Along **Mondays and Wednesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.** (Curious George Room)



LEGO Time

Mondays, 4-4:45 p.m.
(Curious George Room)

Toddler Story Time

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11-11:25 a.m. (Rey Room)

Preschool Story Time **Tuesdays, 4-4:25 p.m.** (Rey Room)

Afternoon Sing-Along **Thursdays, 4-4:25 p.m.**
(Curious George Room)

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Preschool Story Time **Thursdays, 3:30-4p.m.**

Evening Family Story Time **Wednesday, June 21, 6:30-7 p.m.**

Toddler Story Time **Fridays, 11-11:30 a.m.**
(No Toddler Story Time on Friday, June 16)

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Sing-Along **Mondays, 10:30-10:50 a.m.**

Story Time **Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m.**

Afternoon Games **Thursdays, 3-5 p.m.**

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Songs and Stories **Tuesdays, 11-11:25 a.m.**

Story Time **Thursdays, 11-11:25 a.m.**

More Events Section

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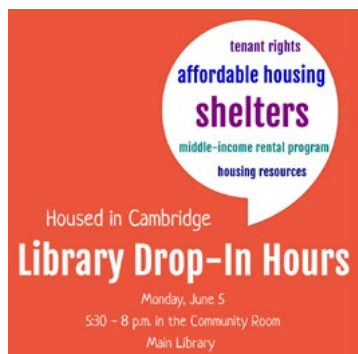
Drag Story Time

Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
(Curious George Room)

Kick-off Pride Month with Drag Story Time at the Cambridge Public Library! Join us on Saturday, June 3rd at 11 a.m. in the Main Library Curious George Room for songs and stories about what makes each of us fabulous. This program is for children and their caregivers.

Housed in Cambridge Drop-in Hours

Monday, June 5, 5:30-8p.m. (Community Room)



Do you have a question related to housing? Do you want to learn more about affordable rental opportunities? Need help navigating financial assistance programs for housing? Looking for advice about housing rights?

Join us in the Community Room at the Main Library for a one-on-one confidential appointment with a housing advocate. Staff from the City Manager's Office of the Housing Liaison, the Housing Division of the Community Development Department, the Department of Human Service Programs Multi-Service Center, the Human Rights Commission, and the Social Work Staff of the Library will be on hand to answer your questions and provide information. Housed in Cambridge is a citywide campaign designed to educate and inform residents on housing opportunities and housing related resources and services.

Sit 'n' Knit

Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. (Rossi Room)



Bring your project and enjoy the company of other fiber crafters. Drop-in with this informal group to work on your craft, get inspired, pick-up skills and socialize. Knit, embroider, crochet, spin, mend and mend. **Refreshments will be provided.**

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Hoop Troop

Wednesday, June 7, 3-4 p.m. (Joan Lorentz Park)

Join us for this high energy, fun-filled hooping workshop, followed by a visit from the ice cream truck. Recommended for children ages 5 and up and their caregivers.



Free Drop-In Tutoring for Teens

Wednesday, June 7 & 14, 5-6 p.m. (Teen Room)



Need help with a class? Have a question before an exam? Tutors are available to help you! Cambridge School Volunteers and the Cambridge Public Library are pleased to offer tutoring services in the Teen Room of the Main Library.

Summer Reading Kickoff Concert with Jeremy Lyons

Wednesday, June 28, 4-4:45 p.m. (Curious George Room)

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Join us for a celebration of American folk music for the whole family with Jeremy Lyons. For children of all ages and their caregivers.

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Boudreau

Knitting Group

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Bring your project, yarn, and needles to enjoy an hour in the company of other crafters.

Outdoor Gardening Fun

Wednesday, June 7, 3-3:45 p.m.

Listen to stories, plant flowers for the Library, and grab seeds to take home! Children of all ages welcome. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held on Wednesday June 14 at 3pm.



Read to a Dog

Thursday, June 8, 3-4 p.m.



Read with Ana the Therapy Dog! Therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers of all ages. Registration for each ten-minute

time slot is required. Sign up on the day of the program by phone or in person at the Boudreau Branch (617-349-4017).

One-on-One Tech Help by Appointment

Wednesdays, June 7 and June 21, 4-4:45 p.m.

Would you like help navigating the library's e-resources like Libby or Hoopla? Or maybe you need some basic computer or mobile device guidance? Book a free one-on-one tech help session at the Boudreau branch: Downloading library eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines to your tablet, smartphone, or laptop, navigating databases and other library resources such as LinkedIn Learning, Using the Internet and e-mail, Setting up devices like smartphones or streaming devices, and much more. Scheduled sessions run between 30 min to 45 min. Please bring your device, cords, and any necessary account information. Contact the Boudreau Branch (617-349-4017) with questions about this program.

Chess Hour

Monday, June 12, and June 26, 6-7:30 p.m.

Come join us at the Boudreau branch for a chess challenge. Players of all skill levels and all ages are welcome to participate. Chess sets will be provided, but feel free to bring your own if you prefer.



This is not an instructional class, but rather a gathering for individuals who want to play and test their skills against other members of the community. Registration is not required. Contact the Boudreau Branch by phone at 617-349-4017 or via email: ipachoncaballero@cambridgema.gov or mmcglathery@cambridgema.gov

Urban Cycling

Wednesday, June 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join the Cambridge Community Development Department for a cycling workshop at the Boudreau Branch Library. You will learn about traffic safety, preparing your bike for riding in an urban environment and biking signals and timing. Registration is helpful but not required. Please contact the Boudreau Branch at 617-349-4017 with questions.

Pride Flag Art Workshop for Children and Families

Wednesday, June 21, 3-4 p.m.



Join local artist and activist Noah Stang-Osborne in a creative workshop for children and families that uses storytelling and art to explore the meaning, history, and significance of the pride flag. For children ages 5-11 and their caregivers.

Summer Reading Kickoff with Jenny the Juggler

Wednesday, June 28, 5-6:45 p.m.

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Kick off Jenny the Juggler connects with people through juggling, magic, music and more to create fabulous experiences with

unforgettable memories for any occasion! For children of all ages. Jenny the Juggler connects with people through juggling, magic, music and more to create fabulous experiences with unforgettable memories for any occasion! For children of all ages and their caregivers.



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Boudreau Summer Bingo

Thursday, June 29, 12-1 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled time playing a thrilling game of probability called BINGO! Free and open to ages 5 and older.

Central Square

The Most Beautiful Moth in America

Saturday, June 10, from 12-1 p.m.

Join us in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza at the Central Square Branch for a live concert with The Most Beautiful Moth in America! All ages.

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Family Pride Concert with Carrie Ferguson

Wednesday, June 14, 3:30-4:15 p.m.



Singer Carrie Ferguson presents a family concert for Pride Month, offering children and families welcoming and inclusive messages about accepting feelings,

celebrating differences and loving themselves exactly as they are. Recommended for children of all ages and their caregivers.

Black History Walking Tour of Mount Auburn Cemetery

Monday, June 12, 10:15 a.m.-12 p.m.

The Black men and women represented on Mount Auburn's African American Heritage Trail are freedom seekers and reformers, lawyers and legislators, athletes and business owners, musicians and authors. Born in the 1800s, these individuals achieved success in politics, business, literature, and the arts. We will learn about the lives of multiple important individuals buried in the cemetery as we celebrate their life and legacy. Join us for a 90-minute educational walk to learn about the diverse history of Mount Auburn Cemetery and those who are buried there. Participants will receive an email with information about the meeting site prior to the event. Please note, this walk will venture on and off the paved path. For more information, call 617-349-4021, or email LFlamm@CambridgeMA.gov. **Registration is mandatory.**

Summer Reading: Evening Story Time

Wednesday, June 28, 6:30-7 p.m.

We invite children and their grown-ups to join us for a special evening story time event. This program will run for 25-30 minutes, with songs, stories and rhymes.

Cheese 101 with Formaggio Kitchen

Thursday, June 29, 8:15-9:15 p.m.

Join the experts at Formaggio Kitchen for their Cheese 101 workshop! Taste and learn about delicious cheeses while enjoying time with neighbors.



All participants will receive a cheese bundle at the time of the class courtesy of the Cambridge Public Library. **This event will take place on-site in Huron Village. Space is limited. This workshop is full; a waitlist is available.** Please contact Lucy at lflamm@cambridgema.gov or Liz at edanner@cambridgema.gov with any questions. **Registration is required.**

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ASL at the Library - Signing Rocks!

Friday, June 2, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Join us for a party and an American Sign Language class rolled into one! SIGNING Basics hosts this excellent event for beginners or people looking to brush up their skills. Get ready to have some fun! Signing Rocks! events are conducted in ASL. Sign language interpreting is not provided; you will learn the vocabulary as you go throughout the class. This program is great for adults, teens, and families with kids ages 7+!

Felted Jewelry Workshop

Tuesday, June 6, 6-7:30 p.m.

Learn to make wet felted jewelry in this beginner-friendly workshop! After learning about different types of wool and the processes involved in working with this cozy fiber, you will create a bangle bracelet and (depending on time and participant interest) a collection of felted beads using wool, hot water, soap, and embellishments. This workshop will give you the foundational skills you need to continue pursuing this unique art form on your own! All materials are supplied. **Space is limited. Registration required.**



Fiber Crafts Group Drop-In Thursdays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Bring your project and enjoy the company of other fiber crafters. Drop-in with this informal group to work on your craft, get inspired, pick-up skills and socialize. Knit, embroider, crochet, spin, mend, cross stitch and more. All crafts are welcome.

Family Concert for Pride Month Wednesday, June 21. 4-5 p.m.

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Read to a Dog

Wednesday, June 7 and Wednesday, June 14, 4-5 p.m.



Read with Bowie the Therapy Dog from Pets & People! Therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers of all ages. Registration for each 10-minute time slot is required and begins one week in advance. Sign up by phone or in person at the O'Connell Branch (617-349-4019).

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Crafting for PRIDE

Thursday, June 1 and June 15, 3-4:30 p.m.

Celebrate Pride month with wearable crafts at the Library! We will make buttons, bracelets and lanyards with messages of Pride and allyship.



Neighborhood Birdwatching at Danehy Park

Tuesday, June 6, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Please join us to observe birds at Danehy Park. As we explore the urban outdoors, we will discuss birdwatching tips, how to identify an unfamiliar bird and learn a little bit more about the birds we share our outdoor spaces with. A limited supply of binoculars will be available. We will meet at the Sherman Street Playground in Danehy Park, near the park entrance at 99 Sherman Street. Registration is encouraged, but not required. For more information, please call the O'Neill Branch at 617-349-4023. In the case of inclement weather, this event will be moved to Tuesday, June 13th at 9:30a.m.



Open Gameplay with One Up Games

Wednesday, June 7, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

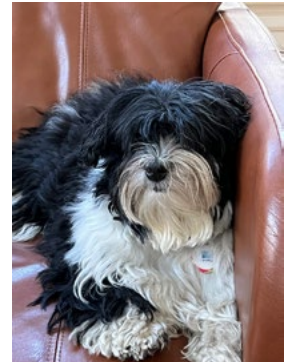
Join us for our video game free play event hosted by Massachusetts eSport and gaming venue, One Up Games! Explore virtual worlds with the Oculus Quest, or play the latest titles on XBOX Series S, PlayStation 4, and Nintendo Switch! This is a drop-in event recommended for ages 7+.



Read to a Dog

Tuesday, June 6 and Thursday, June 8, 3-4 p.m.

Read with a cuddly friend! Trained therapy dogs provide warm and non-judgmental reading companions for new or experienced readers up to age 14. Registration for each 10-minute time slot is required and begins one week in advance by calling or visiting the O'Neill Branch (617-349-4023).



Cambridge Young Authors Squad

Friday, June 9, 4-5 p.m.

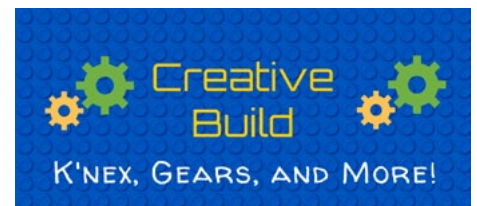
Young people ages 10 to 14 who love to write are welcome to share their ideas and writing. There will be time for share-outs/workshopping, as well as group or solo writing. Snacks are provided! **Registration is helpful, but not required.**



Creative Build

Wednesday, June 14, 2-4 p.m.

Join in on creative building fun with K'nex and Gears! All building materials are supplied by the Library. Please note that some building pieces are choking hazards for young children. For children ages 5 and up and their caregivers.



Saturday Songs and Stories

Saturday, June 17, 3:30-4 p.m.

Music, movement and stories! Join your librarians for 20 minutes of fun! For children of all ages and their grown-ups.

Outdoor Summer Celebration

Tuesday, June 20, 2-4 p.m.

Celebrate the summer solstice and the end of the school year with tunes, outdoor games, crafts, snacks, and more! This is an all-ages event, so bring your family, friends, neighbors, and fur babies. No registration is required. In case of inclement weather, this event will move indoors. For more information, contact the O'Neill Branch Library at 617-349-4023.

Summer Reading: Pajama Story Time

Tuesday, June 27, 6:45 -7:30 p.m.

Come to the library in your pajamas to listen to stories, read with your children and enjoy a snack before bed! This program may be held indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather. Please call ahead to inquire 617-349-4023. This program is recommended for children of all ages and their caregivers. Pajama Story Time is presented by the Cambridge Public Library and the Center for Families.

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Summer Reading Kickoff with Storyteller Ben Cunningham

Wednesday, June 28, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Kick off Summer Reading at the O'Neill Branch with The Story Terrarium: Animal tales and other stories. Storyteller Ben Cunningham presents an educational audience participatory journey of stories, sounds and silliness, with musical instruments, found objects recycled and improvised. This program may be held indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather.

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Funding for Summer Reading has been generously provided by the City of Cambridge, Cambridge Public Library Foundation, Friends of the Cambridge Public Library, the East Cambridge Savings Bank and Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Please call ahead to inquire 617-349-4023.

Crafting Corner

Saturdays, 1:30-3 p.m.

Fiber arts crafters of all skill levels are welcome to drop in for companionable crafting! Bring your current work in progress, and enjoy tea, snacks, and conversation with other crafters. Chat, share tips, and maybe even inspire others. No registration required.



Valente

Get ready for Summer Sundays!

Take advantage of our WI-FI and in-library computers; check out a STEAM kit; find your latest summer read; and stay cool with us at the Valente Branch on Sunday afternoons all summer! Starting July 2 through August 27, the Valente Branch will be open from 1-5 on Sundays! **During this time the Main Library will be closed on Sundays.**

ASL at the Library - Signing Rocks!

Saturday, June 3, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join us for a party and an American Sign Language class rolled into one! SIGNING Basics hosts this excellent event for beginners or people looking to brush up their skills. Get ready to have some fun! **Signing Rocks! events are conducted in ASL.** Sign language interpreting is not provided; you will learn the vocabulary as you go throughout the class. This program is great for families with kids ages 7 and up! For younger children, it is recommended to attend with an adult who can assist them with the signs. This event will take place in the Community Room at the Valente Branch Library. For more information contact 617-349-4015 for more information. **Registration is required.**



Pride Flag Art Workshop for Children and Families

Wednesday, June 7, 1-2 p.m.

Join us after school gets out for this special Pride-themed Half-Day Hangout. Join local artist and activist Noah Stang-Osborne in a creative workshop for children and families that uses storytelling and art to explore the meaning, history, and significance of the pride flag. This program will take place in the Community Room at the Valente Branch Library. For more information contact 617-349-4015.

Family Pride Concert with Carrie Ferguson and the Grumpytime Club

Saturday, June 10th
4-4:55 p.m.

Carrie Ferguson and The Grumpytime Club present a family concert for Pride Month, offering children and families welcoming and inclusive messages about accepting feelings, celebrating differences, and loving themselves exactly as they are.



STEAM Workshops for June 2023

All participants must complete the *Hive Safety Training* before attending STEAM Workshops.

3D Printing 101: Game Piece Design IN-PERSON

Learn how to create your favorite game piece in digital space and print it out using our Sindoh 3D printers. You will get hands-on experience running the 3D printer, gain fundamental 3D modeling skills using Tinkercad, and earn your 3D Printing badge for future reservations in The Hive. Before taking this workshop, **you must complete *The Hive Safety Training*** and create a free Tinkercad account at www.tinkercad.com.

Equipment and Studio Reservations IN-PERSON

Anyone who has completed Hive training and is badged to use equipment or studio(s) can reserve Hive equipment or studio spaces during these times. Staff will assist participants as they are able.

Fiber Arts Adventure with Lenni: A Machine Sewing Workshop IN-PERSON

Continue building your machine-sewing skills AND create bespoke sewn crafts! Design your own fiber arts adventure as you make dinner napkins, high-visibility patches for being seen at night, and customized wearable Hive-made creations.

Glowforge 101: Creative Laser Cutting IN-PERSON

Learn how to cut, engrave, and shape designs from a variety of materials using the Glowforge Pro laser cutter.

Hive Safety Training HYBRID

You will learn about our makerspace, how to use our resources, and how to keep safe in The Hive.

Hive Teen Hangout IN-PERSON

Have you checked out The Hive yet? Teens are welcome to come to learn about our space and try their hand at sticker making, video recording in our studio and more. This is a drop-in event designed for patrons ages 12-18.

Serger 101 IN-PERSON

Are you an intermediate or advanced sewer? This workshop will cover serger machine setup, threading a serger, and identifying correct tension settings with different types of fabric. You will learn about ways to use our Elna Extend 864 Air serger to take your sewing skills to the next level by producing special finishing styles, hemming, trimming, and assembling your garments.

Sewing 101 IN-PERSON

Learn the basics of sewing machine operation and safety. This session will cover machine setup, basic functions, threading the machine, reloading the bobbin, sewing straight stitches, and recognizing when stitch tension has gone awry.

Studio Recording 101 IN-PERSON

Are you interested in podcasting, audio production, or video production? The Hive has two state-of-the-art recording studios! Join this workshop to become familiar with studio equipment and software. You must complete *The Hive Safety Training* before registering.

Videography 101 IN-PERSON

Step into the Hive's state-of-the-art recording studio and film a short video of yourself in front of our green screen. Then, spend some time becoming familiar with video editing software while working with your footage.

Vinyl Cutting 101 IN-PERSON

Would you like to make your own vinyl signs, stickers, or images to transfer to T-shirts and other textiles? In this workshop, you can learn how to use our Roland Camm-1 GS-24 vinyl cutter. You can then design a sticker and cut it with our vinyl cutter! Registration is required.

XR Lab 101 IN-PERSON

Extended reality (XR) opens the door to worlds and experiences outside the everyday through virtual reality, augmented reality, and mixed reality equipment. Test drive our Microsoft HoloLens augmented reality glasses, Structure Sensor 3D scanner, Merge headsets, and more.

Zing Laser Cutting 101 IN-PERSON

Learn how to use our Epilog Zing—an industry-standard laser cutting machine. Complete this workshop to earn a badge for the Zing laser cutter.



Literacy Center Programs

There are four levels of classes:

Low Beginner, High Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

ESOL at the Valente Branch **IN-PERSON**

Mondays, 6-7 p.m.
Valente Branch

English Conversation **IN-PERSON**

Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.
Main Library, Rossi Room

Beginner ESOL **IN-PERSON**

Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Central Square Branch

High Beginner ESOL **IN-PERSON**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m.
Central Square Branch

Intermediate ESOL **IN-PERSON**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Central Square Branch

Advanced ESOL **IN-PERSON**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3-4:30 p.m.
Central Square Branch

Résumé and Job Application Support **IN-PERSON**

Wednesday, 1-3 p.m.
Central Square Branch

English Conversation **IN-PERSON**

Fridays, 10-11:30 a.m.
O'Neill Branch

LIBRARY LOCATIONS/PHONE/HOURS

Main Library

449 Broadway | 617-349-4040

MON 9-9, TUE 9-9, WED 9-9, THU 9-9, FRI 9-5, SAT 9-5,
SUN 1-5 (SEP-JUNE ONLY)

Boudreau Branch

245 Concord Ave. | 617-349-4017

MON 10-8, TUE 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-6, FRI 10-6

Central Square Branch

45 Pearl St. | 617-349-4010

MON 10-6, TUE 10-9, WED 10-6, THU 10-9, FRI 10-6, SAT 10-2

Collins Branch

64 Aberdeen Ave. | 617-349-4021

MON 10-6, TUE 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-8, FRI 10-6

O'Connell Branch

48 Sixth St. | 617-349-4019

MON 10-6, TUE 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-8, FRI 10-6

O'Neill Branch

70 Rindge Ave. | 617-349-4023

MON 10-8, TUE 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-6, FRI 10-6, SAT 1-5

Valente Branch

826 Cambridge St. | 617-349-4015

MON 10-8, TUE 10-8, WED 10-8, THU 10-6, FRI 10-6, SAT 1-5

All locations are accessible by public transportation.

Details are on our website.



Welcome to the state-of-the-art makerspace located at the Main Library! It is a hub for STEAM learning, creativity, and community collaboration in Cambridge. Its mission is to provide free, hands-on learning opportunities to the Cambridge community, resources for personal projects, and to serve as a hub for skill sharing and creative collaboration.

The Hive is open to individuals with a Minuteman library card. The space is designed for independent use for patrons ages 12 and up and supervised use for children under the age of 12.

Hive Calendar - June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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				Vinyl Cutting 101 10-11 a.m.	Equipment and Studio Reservations 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	XR Lab 9:30-10:30 a.m.
				Videography 101 2-3 p.m.		Equipment and Studio Reservations 11:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
				STEAM Academy iFp 2:30-7 p.m.		
				Fiber Arts Adventure with Lenni 5:30-8:30 p.m.		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Equipment and Studio Reservations 1-4:30 p.m.	Zing Laser Cutting 1-2:30 p.m.	Hive Teen Hangout 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Studio Recording 10-11 a.m.	Videography 101 9:30-10:30 am.	Studio Recording 9:30-10:30 a.m.
		3D Printing 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Sewing Circle 5:30-8:30 p.m.	Fiber Arts Adventure with Lenni 5:30-8:30 p.m.		Vinyl Cutting 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
		Equipment and Studio Reservations 3-6 p.m.	Equipment and Studio Reservations 6-8:30 p.m.			Sewing 101 2:30-4 p.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Sewing 101 3-4:30 p.m.	Glowforge 101: Creative Laser Cutting 1-3 p.m.	Zing Laser Cutting 101 1-2:30 p.m.	Viny Cutting 101 10-11 a.m.		3D Printing: Game Piece Design 9:30-11:30 a.m.
		Equipment and Studio Reservations 3:30-8:30 p.m.	Sewing 101 2:30-4 p.m.	XR Lab 101 7-8 p.m.		Zing Laser Cutter (101) 2:30-4 p.m
			Hive Teen Hangout 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Equipment and Studio Reservations 6-8:30 p.m.		
			Sewing Circle 5:30-8:30 p.m.			
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Zing Laser Cutter 101 1-2:30 p.m.	Serger 101 1-2 p.m.	Studio Recording 10-11 a.m.	Videography 101 9:30-10:30 a.m.	Hive Safety Training 9:30-10:30 a.m.
		Equipment and Studio Reservations 3 – 6 p.m.	Hive Teen Hangout 3:30-5:30 p.m.	3D Printing: Game Piece Design 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Drop-in Studio 1:00-4:30 p.m.	Videography 101 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
		Glowforge 101: Creative Laser Cutting 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Sewing Circle 5:30-8:30 p.m.	Equipment and Studio Reservations 2-6 p.m.		Glowforge 101: Creative Laser Cutting 2:30-4:30 p.m.
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25	26	27	28	29	30	
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			Glowforge 101: Creative Laser Cutting 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Equipment and Studio Reservations 2-8:30 p.m.		

Save the Dates Main Library

**Jenny Odell Presents: Saving Time:
Discovering a Life Beyond the Clock**
Thursday, August 10, 6-7:30 p.m. (Main Library)



Join Jenny O'dell, the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Saving Time: Discovering a Life Beyond the Clock* ((Penguin-Randomn House, 2023) for a discussion at the Main Library on August 8, from 6-7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.

**Isabella Hammad in Conversation with
Namwali Serpell**
Thursday, September 14, 6-7:30 p.m. (Main Library)



Join Isabella Hammad, the award-winning author of *The Parisian* (Grove Atlantic, 2019) for a conversation about her latest book, *Enter Ghost* (Grove Atlantic, 2022) Hammad will be in conversation with Namwali Serpell, the author of *The Old Drift* (Hogarth, 2019) winner of Windham-Campbell Prize, and *The Furrows: An Elegy* (Hogarth, 2022), a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. This program is supported by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.



**Sacred Songs and Rituals: Spirituals with soprano
Morgan Beckford, March 28**

(L-R) Muna Kangsen, Manager of Communications, Programs, and Events, Alex Morollo, Morgan Beckford, Nayereh Doosti



**Peter Goodman Presents Davos Man: How Billionaires
Devoured the World in Conversation with Kate Tuttle**

(L-R) Peter Goodman, Kate Tuttle, Executive Editor at People Magazine



**Boyah Farah presents
America Made Me a Black Man, February 23**

(L-R) Huey Hewitt, author Boyah Farah, Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui



Dream Big: Reinventing Journalism to Build Hope, Agency, and Dignity, March 29, 2023

(L-R) Deborah D. Douglas, Director McCauley, Shippen Page (former Chair CPLF), Amanda Ripley, David Boorstein, Kate Flaim (Chair CPLF), Katie Welch (Executive Director, CPLF)



Native American Sovereignty
with Larry Spotted Crow Mann, February 8

(Larry Spotted Crow Mann and Dhonyale Jones of 22 City View)



Monique Malcher Presents Flor De Gume, March 9

Monique Malcher in red hat and Trustee Risa Mednick with mask



Nick Zaino Presents 100 Years of Boston Comedy,
March 22



48th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day program with Dr. Annette Gordon-Reed. January 19

(L-R) Dina Scianna of Cambridge Trust; Dr. Maria McCauley, Director of Libraries; Fred Fantini, School Committee; City Councillor E. Denise Simmons; Dr. Annette Gordon-Reed; Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui; Caroline Hunter, School Committee; Philecia Harris, Assistant Director of Libraries



2023 Legislative Day, Washington, D.C. March 15

(L-R) Kaija Langley, Lesliediana Jones, Sedef Berk (Senator Markey's Office), Maria McCauley, Megan Janicki (ALA Public Policy and Advocacy)



Portuguese Poetry in Translation: Adam Mahler on Camilo Pessanha, May 24

(L-R) Bruno Carvalho, Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures and African and African American Studies at Harvard University, and Adam Mahler